

REMARKS

Claims 17 - 34 presently appear in this case. The amendments to the claims are being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies, so as to reduce the filing fee, and to place the case in better condition for examination. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

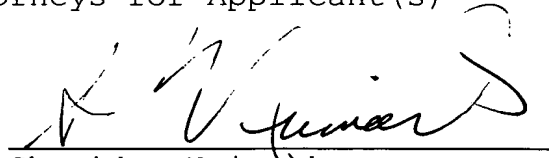
The amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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